



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Atsushi SAKAI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/576,957

Confirmation No.: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 2831

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Examiner: E. Thomas

For: SOLID ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2001, and is timely filed on July 13, 2001. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

On page 2, of the Office Action, the Examiner requires under 35 U.S.C. § 121 that the present application be restricted to one of the following inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-14, and 18-19, drawn to a method of forming a capacitor,
- Group II. Claims 15-17, drawn to a capacitor, or
- Group III. Claims 20-28, drawn to an apparatus for coating a masking agent.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-14 and 18-19) without traverse.

An Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.